Sara Wold Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

By Pat Shelton

Barbara Porter, Pat Shelton, Martha Macintosh, Sara Wold, Nancy Serra and Cynthia Pinkard

We know founding MWGA board member Sara Wold has contributed greatly to the growth of our organization, but at the recent Michigan Golf Course Owners Association 2010 Awards Dinner in Grand Rapids I was reminded how much she has given to the United States Golf Association and the Golf Association of Michigan. It was amazing to hear her participation over the years summarized by Tom Schwark, Sycamore Hills GC owner, who presented Sara with the Bruce Matthews “Lifetime Achievement Award.” In her ever modest fashion, Sara said she couldn’t do what she has accomplished without the help of many and acknowledged those present with her that evening from the MWGA.

When you see Sara, congratulate her for this most deserved award and thank her for all she has given to women’s golf, and especially to our great organization!

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MWGA and GAM Membership

MWGA members, your MWGA membership automatically includes a GAM membership. So, if you received an email from GAM asking you to join GAM online by going to their website, you may ignore it if you plan to renew your MWGA membership. There is no need to pay for a GAM membership separately. You do not have to join another club or course to get your GAM membership. Simply renew your MWGA membership and your GAM membership will be activated.

If, by chance, you already responded to the GAM email and joined GAM online and have renewed or plan to renew your MWGA membership, please email us at mwga@mwgolf.org. Any additional payment you made to GAM will then be refunded to you.

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November/December 2010
Giving Thanks

I have just finished all the prep work necessary to host a traditional Thanksgiving meal. My compact condo has a complex aroma composed of a mixture of cranberries, sage, pumpkin, onions and a couple of smells I don’t recognize. I am always amazed at the utilization of my entire repertoire of pots and pans during the prep process and it’s not even turkey day! I find the clean-up has exhausted all the hot water in my tank. I will need to wait for a shower. So, I poured myself a pans during the prep process and for a shower. So, I poured myself a

soul of our organization, continuously giving of their precious time to make a difference for the amateur women and junior golfers in Michigan. The caliber of our events is exceptional starting with (1) easy online registration, (2) informative player confirmation letter, (3) instructive player information letter before play and (4) the awards presentation ceremony as the finale. The MWGA believes a well informed player is a composed player, which results in, at a minimum, a stress free tournament – a win-win situation for everyone. And, your Board is constantly striving to improve the “tournament experience” for all handicap ranges, for which I give thanks.

Talking about the well informed player, the MWGA prides itself in educational programs for female golfers of all abilities. Our Rules and Skills clinics, hosted by top golf mentors, provide a wealth of knowledge to instill confidence in all areas of your golf game. And the price compared to the instruction is a real bargain! Also, for the true novice, the MWGA offers a beginners league, a “boot camp” for those females interested in pursuing the game of golf and, hopefully, in the future joining the MWGA. Again, providing these programs requires a constant commitment from the MWGA, for which I give thanks.

Alluding to the future brings me to the MWGA LPGA/USGA Girls Golf Program. Talk about devotion….how about spending every evening for an entire summer month at Belle Isle with eighteen junior golfers who generally don’t know one end of the golf club from the other? Not to mention finishing all the preparatory work and adhering to all the procedural protocol set by the LPGA in order to qualify for the program. Will any of these young golfers become the next darling of the LPGA? Probably not; however, it is very probable these young girls will be the future of women’s amateur golf. Their many smiles are all the MWGA needs to justify our perseverance, for which I give thanks.

Finally, I need to give thanks to the most important component in the MWGA wheel and that is our members, for without, all the above would be for naught. Our MWGA membership makes it worthwhile for your Board to constantly strive to elevate the amateur golf experience for women in Michigan. In an era where women have a variety of golf events vying for their expendable income and valuable leisure time, your patronage is our most treasured asset. And, your Board hopes your feelings towards the MWGA are mutual.

Do you know of a female golfer who would benefit by joining the MWGA? I would hope you would give thanks to the MWGA by encouraging them to join and visit our website to learn more about this great organization and everyone’s dedication to women’s golf.

In ending, I must bid a sad adieu to Linda Neff and Inez Bridges who are leaving the Board after many years of cherished service, for which I give thanks. Please welcome Dorine Allen and Kathy Brennan, who have offered their services to continue our MWGA legacy, for which I give thanks.

I would like to offer my sincere wishes for a Happy Holiday and a Glorious New Year to my extended MWGA family.

Now I must check my oven for there is another peculiar aroma wafting through the air....
1. Which one of the following is a nearest point of relief as defined in the Rules of Golf?
   A. The reference point determined only when taking relief from an immovable obstruction, an abnormal ground condition, or a wrong putting green.
   B. The point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard or lateral water hazard.

2. Which one of the following is a “ball in play?”
   A. A ball has been addressed on the teeing ground before the first stroke with that ball.
   B. A ball that has been dropped under penalty of stroke and distance, but not yet played.

3. The player has NOT played a wrong ball if he makes a stroke at
   A. A stray ball that he lifts and drops in a bunker under the Ball Unplayable Rule.
   B. His original ball that has been lifted from the putting green and set aside.

4. While A’s ball is in motion after a stroke on the putting green, B, his fellow competitor, removes a twig from behind the hole because he thinks it might stop or deflect the ball. The ball stops several inches short of the hole. What is the ruling?
   A. Only B incurs a 2 stroke penalty.
   B. There is no penalty to either A or B.

5. Before making a stroke at a ball that is in a hazard, there is NO penalty if the player
   A. Removes a loose impediment lying in or touching the hazard.
   B. Places a couple of clubs and a rake in the bunker.

All the answers in detail can be found in the Rules Book. You’ll also find the correct selections on page 5.

**Rules Quiz By Sara Wold**

**Membership Snippets By Shirley McClain**

2011 membership applications are coming in at a steady pace. To date, we have approximately 62 members signed up and two sponsored males. REMEMBER, if you have 2010 gift certificates or vouchers, they expire on December 31 this year, so you will want to use them before that date. You may wish to use them toward your 2011 membership or as a tax-deductible contribution to the MWGA.

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**World Amateur Team Championship in Buenos Aires By Sara Wold**

The WATC was held in Buenos Aires in October at the Olivos and Buenos Aires Golf Clubs. There were 52 women’s teams and 69 men’s teams comprised of 3 players on each team. The teams were from countries as unlikely to have golf teams as Iceland, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Republic of Serbia, Iran, Qatar and Croatia. This was the most teams that had ever participated in the 52-year history of the Championship, and the organizers attributed it to the fact that golf will be in the Olympics.

The US Women’s Team was represented by Jessica Korda, Danielle Kang and Cydney Clanton. There were 4 rounds of 18 holes and the best 2 scores counted each day. The first day, the US was –8 and South Korea was +1. We had a comfortable lead. It was quickly erased by the South Koreans who carded a –8 and –9 to go to –16 in the 2nd round! The Koreans were awesome and were the Champions at 546, and the US was runner-up at 563. Korda was –5 for the Championship and the other ladies were –2. Sweden, France and South Africa tied for 3rd at 572. I officiated for the Women’s Championship.

The US Men’s Team was represented by Peter Uihlein, Scott Langley and David Chung. Their Championship was shortened to 3 rounds because of bad weather. France won Continued on page 4
The Positive Golfer  By Janina Parrott Jacobs

Over the next few months, the Positive Golfer will take a little detour and concentrate on health and nutrition efforts. If you are wondering what that has to do with golf, well, the answer is everything. Without a healthy mind and body, you have nothing. Just look at Tiger Woods and how his physical, emotional and moral failures have had a HUGE effect on his game. This will be the first year Tiger did not have a single victory.

Have you ever watched the series ‘Everest: Beyond the Limit’ which chronicles several teams’ journeys to scale Mt. Everest? People from all over the globe have planned for months, even years, to make an arduous journey that will last weeks, and if successful, will allow only a few minutes at the top of the world to enjoy the vista of their accomplishment. A FEW MINUTES!

Let’s take a journey that will give more than a few minutes of satisfaction, actually a lifetime if you’ll allow it. Committing to an exercise or walking plan and following a nutritional roadmap will lead to better health and will make you feel as if you are sitting at the top of the world. As the new year approaches, now is a great time to begin.

Today’s world is not an easy place to maintain good health. We are being bombarded by fast food, ‘fake’ food, ads promising quick fixes to ill health issues, environmental obstacles and information that is at best incomplete and slanted, and at worst – inaccurate and misleading. My goal is to give you the most complete and unbiased information about health, fitness and nutrition that you likely will not get elsewhere.

Adopting better habits is never easy and can be overwhelming, but if you attack it one step at a time, along with a simple walking and exercise commitment, you’ll be feeling better within a few months. I’ve been writing health and fitness articles in cooperation with St. John Health Systems for over two years now, so I won’t be pulling this information out of thin air…like on Everest! However, do understand that I am not acting as a doctor nor giving medical advice.

Today’s change: Cut down on sugar. Sugar comes in many forms and hides in products you would never suspect, like mayonnaise, pickles and crackers. Ketchup is loaded with it; you may as well eat a dish of ice cream and get some calcium instead of zero nutritional value. High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS) is even worse, which is in almost every processed food you can think of, especially breads and baked goods. Research indicates that your body processes HFCS differently than it does sugar or regular corn syrup and decreases human metabolism by messing with our metabolic hormones. Your brain also doesn’t get the message that you are full and in essence is tricked into thinking you need to eat more food and store more fat, which is exactly what we do not need. WHAT TO DO: Read labels. Any word ending in ‘-ose’ is probably sugar. Avoid dishes with glazes or sweet sauces and other processed foods. Buy bakery bread. Cook. Artificial sweeteners are not the answer either…..more on that later.

DID YOU KNOW: A 12-oz. can of regular pop or soda has anywhere from 10 – 16 teaspoons of sugar. When you get the urge for a pop, choose 100% juice instead and water it down. Juice contains fructose, a natural sugar – but it is still sugar, so beware. Add an orange or lemon slice, strawberry or raspberry to your juice/water and splurge. Or, better yet, drink water and add the fruit.

WATC Buenos Aires - Continued

with a 423, Denmark 2nd with a 427 and the US was 3rd at 428. At one point Zimbabwe was beating Scotland and Ireland!

Claud Johnston and I flew to Buenos Aires and played golf at the Olivos Golf Club, a traditional course in excellent condition for the Championship. We walked with caddies and enjoyed the round. Claud had a chance to play another private club, Martindale, walking with a caddie, while I had a rules officials meeting. We also went to Bariloche near the Andes in the lake country to play at Llao Llao Hotel and Golf Resort. It may be one of the most beautiful places in the whole world between two lakes with the snow-covered Andes in the background. It was spring there and the flowering trees, bushes and flowers were in full bloom. It was too early in the season for caddies, so we had to walk and pull our carts. It was very hilly and a real challenge, but we were pleased with ourselves for finishing 18 holes both days.

We didn’t know it, but Llao Llao is one of the leading hotels in the world and I must say everything was exquisite! They had a special musical week with renowned performers, and we attended a concert with two violinists and a string orchestra. It was as good as any I’ve attended, and it was fun to see the fashionable dress of the concert-goers.

We were gone 28 days and saw Iguazu Falls at the border between Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. They are awesome, extensive and powerful! We took a boat ride into the falls and just got soaked! It is a tropical rainforest area, and we also went on a jungle walk and saw lots of exotic birds and rodents as big as pigs!

From Bariloche we flew to El Calafate in Patagonia to see the glaciers. The most surprising thing we saw there was migrating flamingos! We saw lots of glaciers with the biggest being a mile long and 500 feet high and extending way up into the mountains. The compact snow and ice gives the glaciers a bright blue color. We could hear them moving and calving. It was an amazing trip, and one we will always remember.

The 2012 WATC will be in Turkey; perhaps another trip to anticipate.
Tentative 2011 MWGA Event Schedule

Unless otherwise specified, MWGA, WAPL, GAM and USGA events are open to female golfers with a USGA index of 40 or less. Any event with age, index or pre-qualification restrictions is so noted.

MWGA Events ($xx Member/$xx Non-Member). Entry Deadline 10 Days Prior to All Events Unless Noted. QUESTIONS: tournamententry@mwgolf.org or 734-558-2543. ENTER TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS ONLINE at www.mwgolf.org or MAIL ENTRIES to: MWGA Event Office, 1127 Palmer St, Plymouth, MI 48170-2054.

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<td>MWGA League for Beginning Golfers $XXX/12 weeks</td>
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<td>Vendor Booths, Swap Meet Annual Meeting, Buffet Lunch Spring 3-Woman Member/Guest Scramble</td>
<td>Mystic Creek, Milford 48380, 248-684-3333, Meadows to Woods <a href="http://www.mysticcreekgc.com">www.mysticcreekgc.com</a>. All activities: Booths/swappers/meeting/meal/golf/cart/range — $XX; Booths/meeting/lunch ONLY — $XX</td>
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Junior (up to age 17) tournaments and tournaments with junior divisions are highlighted.

Enter MWGA tournaments online at www.mwgolf.org and check website for most current information.

Answers to Rules Quiz on page 3

1. A. definition of nearest point
2. B. definition of ball in play
3. A. definition of wrong ball
4. A. Rule 23-1
5. B. Rule 13-4
Michigan’s 2010 golf season officially ended November 7 and all members that had not renewed their MWGA membership for 2011 were inactivated in GAM on December 1. Any rounds of golf played in Michigan between November 8 and March 28 cannot be posted, but, if during this period you play golf in warm weather states, those scores can and should be posted. Either renew your MWGA membership or contact your Handicap Director with any questions or to activate your GAM record at handicap@mwgolf.org. Have a great holiday. Hope to see you in the spring.

**Handicap Stats for 2010 — Most Improved Player (MIP)**

The MIP is determined by an Improvement Factor as defined in the USGA Handicap System manual. The formula takes the previous year’s ending index plus 12 and divides it by the current year’s ending index plus 12. The MIP player must have the highest Improvement Factor and in addition, must have at least four MWGA POY points and must have posted a minimum of 12 rounds of golf during the season.

The average MWGA women’s index is 21.7; 27% of women players in the USA have an index of 21.9 or below; 51% have an index of 27.9 or below. Of 209 MWGA members, 18 posted no scores in 2010; 89 improved their index over the season. MWGA members posted 6529 scores from March 29 through November 7; our 23 sponsored males posted 525 scores.

21 members posted more than 60 rounds between Jan 1 and Nov 7:

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**2011 Match Play League**

The league will be expanding in 2011. Contact the league coordinator, Pat Witek to add your name to the waiting list.

Witek@mwgolf.org

**Novi Golf Show**

Fri, Sat, Sun
March 4-6, 2011
Plan to visit the MWGA booth

**MHICAN GOLF SHOWS**


Poor chips have a common fault. If you hit your chips in the middle of the ball or hit the ground behind the ball, then you know how frustrating this can be. To hit solid chips and pitches, remain still and use your arms and hands only to do the work. Chips and pitches that are hit fat or thin are caused by too much body movement both up and down or side to side. Many players try to “help” the ball into the air with poor results. Stay still, swing the club, and let it happen.

Bill Kroen’s Golf Tip-a-Day

6 November/December 2010
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You've traveled the paths you've wanted in life. Your career, relationships, character and values reflect the lessons you've learned and the choices you've made. Now, as you face your future, you deserve to know your financial plans are as unique as the dreams you've created over the course of your lifetime.

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